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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

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1. These impressions were passed on by [redacted] of the Monetary Branch, Finance Division, after the visit by Colonel Lane on the afternoon of 19 January and the morning of 20 January. The Colonel spent seven (7) hours reviewing the functions and activities of the Monetary Branch.

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3. He was extremely interested in the control of funds, and in some instances tried to make comparisons with the Army finance procedures with which he was familiar. He was looking for an element of control between the point at which the Certifying Officer approved a disbursement and the using point of the funds, i.e., the project or the individual. This was apparently of quite some concern to him and he inquired in detail as to the checks which could be placed on the disbursement within the Monetary Branch.

4. He also left the impression, in his questioning about the investigation which was conducted by the Finance Division prior to disbursement of funds on a project, that people may be approving actions and documents because it is their job to approve and they may have fallen into a routine to the point where they are now approving without sufficient information and investigation.

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